



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **UPPER STATE STREET FICUS TREE REMOVAL**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – January 20, 2012**

The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled the removal of three Ficus trees located in the 3300-3500 blocks of upper State Street. In an effort to minimize traffic impacts, tree removal is scheduled to occur between the hours of 6 am and 9 am on Wednesday January 25, Thursday January 26, and Friday January 27. Although vehicles will be able to travel both eastbound and westbound, each morning one westbound traffic lane closure will be necessary for this work.

The Parks and Recreation Department is removing these trees because their condition poses significant safety hazards. Replacement trees are tentatively scheduled for planting in March as part of a tree replanting and enhancement program for the upper State Street corridor. In the first phase of this program, the City will be installing 20 new street trees.

If you have questions regarding this work, please contact Tim Downey, Urban Forest Superintendent, at (805) 564-5592.

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